

HAPPINESS

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Theodosia came to sit on the arm of her husband's chair. He was a new husband and he smiled indulgently. "Where today, pretty one?" he asked. "I am not quite sure," she answered doubtfully; "my old adventurous spirit calls, and one does not know where that may lead. Perhaps it is just that I am so happy, that I feel the desire to pass some of my happiness on."

The husband tenderly regarded the eager face.

Dosie stooped to kiss him. "Good-bye, dear Chum," she said.

As she reached the business section of the city, the young disciple of happiness decided to comfort herself with a cooling glass of soda. And the soda glass touching Dosie's fingers stickily, she went into the wash room of the department store basement to clean them. It was when she reached for a paper towel that she realized the place was devoted to employees only.

"Never mind," remarked a pretty girl, powdering her face at the glass, "you are welcome." She continued her conversation with a companion, engaged in the same renovating purpose.

"Yes," she went on, "it's a swell stone, an' he giv't to me, an' we're going to the show tonight, an' he has a swell car, an—"

"Oh, come out of it, Rosie," the friend pleasantly remarked. Leaving the room, the two glanced back to where a silent figure sat aloof.

"The millionaire lady has her usual grouch on," Rosie said mockingly.

Abruptly the dark-haired girl arose, coming to bathe her hot forehead in the basin next to where Dosie stood. "It's a very warm day," Dosie said invitingly; her overture was silently received.

"And—you are tired," she added in impulsive sympathy.

"I have my work to do," the girl answered evenly, "like the others."

"But you look different, some way," Dosie was thinking aloud. "More—unused to it."

The girl straightened her hair and smiled. It was a weary smile.

"I am—different, I am afraid—they leave me quite alone."

"Please," said Dosie, "may I not see you again? Could you take lunch with me today—some place?"

The girl's dark eyes finished their study.

"Thank you," she agreed; "if you will allow me to pay for that luncheon. I am a wage earner, you know—and not in want."

"I understand," Dosie said. "At the Brown Tea Room, then, at 12?"

The name, "Millionaire Lady," occurred to her when the girl from Bromley's quietly slipped into the seat reserved at the Brown Tea Room.

Dosie placed her calling card upon the table; the girl smiled.

"Thank you," she said, "your name is known to me, through patronage. I work in Bromley's under an assumed name. I came here when my father died. Before that I had a happy home of my own. That is why all this is strange to me."

Dosie leaned forward, earnestly she spoke her own reason for wishing to make another happy.

"And so," Constance Wilmot ended her story, "I could have borne bravely any sorrow save that of disgrace. But to think that my father, the trusted adviser of many, had ruined by false investments those who trusted him—that I suffered in like manner mattered not. The man who loved me was deceived. I could not face him; he away, finding employment under an assumed name. I think John Wilmot will not learn of me here, and in time will love some one worthy. My little home town of Wilmot was named for our family long ago."

Dosie arose, the girl holding her hand between her own.

"You will come to visit me soon, as you promise, Constance," she reminded.

"Have you any happiness left to bestow upon your husband?" that young man asked at evening. Dosie sat on the arm of his chair.

"We must drive to Wilmot village this evening," she told him. "I want to see a Mr. John Calver, who is to be invited to our house for an evening, while Constance Wilmot of Bromley's is with us as our guest. It's funny," added Dosie, "how happiness is bound to spread!"

Seek Gold and Diamonds.

An expedition has sailed from Liverpool for the Araguayan river and some of its principal tributaries in Central Brazil in quest of gold and diamonds. The expedition's hope rests upon experiences in those parts of a mining engineer. This engineer has stated that the Araguayan gravels would yield payable gold. He was hopeful they would discover copper in commercial quantities. He found diamonds in tributaries of the Araguayan, and also discovered payable gold in the gravel of the river. The country is peopled with tribes of Red Indians, whom the engineer speaks of as being friendly. He also hopes to locate a tribe reported to wear round their necks strings of gold in rough nuggets. The party will leave the liner at Para and proceed by steam launch which they have with them up to Tocantins river, of which the Araguayan is an offshoot.

Few Autos in China.

China, with four times the population of the United States, has only 3,000 motor vehicles.

Current Wit and Humor



EXPLAINED

Mrs. Newbridge.—Our cook says those eggs you sent yesterday were quite old.

Grocer.—Very sorry, ma'am. They were the best we could get. You see, all the young chickens were killed off for the holiday trade so the old hens are the only ones left to do the laying.

Mrs. Newbridge.—Oh, to be sure! I hadn't thought of that.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Campaign Philosophy.

"In addressing your constituents do you impress them that you are a public servant?"

"Always," said Senator Snorts-worth. "I'm a great believer in the power of suggestion. By continually dwelling on the fact that I am a servant of the people I hope to convince them that I am as necessary to their happiness as a dependable cook or a competent chauffeur."

Kind but Firm.

"What would you do if you caught anybody cheating in this poker game?" asked the stranger in Crimson Gutch.

"We aim to be fair and humane," answered Cactus Joe. "We'd simply chip in to pay his board and hire an attendant. Any one attempting anything so reckless wouldn't need no further evidence to prove his right to be let off on an insanity plea."

His Method.

"What do you do to keep cows from kickin' while you are milking them?"

"Well, stranger, you could read them the latest news, or sing 'Annie Laurie,' or rig up a moving picture show, but I keep 'em so busy thinkin' of the good food they're eatin' that they don't remember to kick."

Circumstances Regretted.

Mr. Meekton—I'll never forget the day I proposed to my wife. I must have appeared very absurd.

Mr. Quall—Did she laugh at you? No. I sometimes wish she had. Maybe I'd have forgotten my embarrassment and changed the subject.



KNOWLEDGE NOT EVERYTHING

"Mrs. DeGrabb knows enough to keep her mouth shut, doesn't she?"

"Oh, yes; but she lacks control."

Willing to Learn.

"There, little boy," the said man said "I would not cry like that."

"Well, it's the only way I know: 'How would you cry?' said Pat."

His Business Relations.

"You seem depressed," commented the sincere friend. "Are you worried over political affairs?"

"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "Surely you are not having trouble with your business relations?"

"Business relations is it. I have an enormous number of relations. They all want government positions and every one of them means business."

Gracious Maid.

When the lady of the house returned from an afternoon's shopping she asked her new maid if there had been any callers while she was out.

"Yes'm," said the maid, rather surprised. "Mr. Robinson."

"Robinson!" said the mistress. "I don't think I know the gentleman."

"Quite likely not, mum. I'll introduce you the next time he calls."

Puzzled Teddy.

Teddy.—You haven't any whiskers or very much hair.

Sister's Hero.—Well, what of it?

Teddy.—Oh, I was only wondering how pa was going to manage it.

Sister's Hero.—Manage what?

Teddy.—He said he was going to mop the floor with you.

Right Back at Father.

"Well, daughter, what did Augustus say when you told him I didn't want another foot in the family?"

"He said he thought you ought to be willing to take a chance, father, as he is a much younger man than you are and he might outgrow it."

A Happy Match.

"She says he was just made for her."

"He has a million dollars, I understand."

"Yes; she thinks that was just made for her, too."

No Imposter.

Miriam—I simply had to give a shilling to that blind beggar. He touched me so when he said, 'Won't you help the blind, pretty lady?'

Jessica—Did he really, dear? Well it shows how blind he was, anyway.

EFFORT TO STOP STRIKE FUTILE

NO CHANGE AFTER THE HARDING-LEWIS-DAVIS DISCUSSION.

EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT

Matter of Joint Conference of Operators and Miners Talked Over Meeting, Says Lewis—No Definite Plans.

Washington, D. C.—Administration efforts to bring about a settlement of the bituminous coal strike have met a preliminary check.

After conferences with President Harding and Secretary of Labor Davis, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America announced that the union policy still was unaltered and unyielding in its insistence that a new wage scale must be set up for the strike ridden mining districts by national or semi-national conferences with operators.

The meeting between Mr. Harding, Secretary Davis and Mr. Lewis, which took place at the White House, was the last of a series of conferences in which Secretary of Labor Davis took Mr. Lewis.

Officially no statement was forthcoming, though Secretary Hoover also was called to the White House immediately after Mr. Lewis left. Apparently no spokesmen for the mine operators, whose refusal before last April to meet in the semi-national wage scale negotiations of the central competitive field was the controversial point in the strike, were in the capital for discussion.

"We talked over the general problems of the bituminous inquiry and the strike," Mr. Lewis declared on leaving the White House, "its overdevelopment and intermittency, and projects for its stabilization."

"With relation to the present strike we considered the matter of a joint conference of operators and miners, especially the merits of proposals to hold district joint conferences between operators and miners for wage settlements, as compared with a joint conference in the central competitive field, or a national conference of all fields, through representatives. No definite plans affecting the strike were decided upon. The strike situation is unchanged."

"I explained to the president the futility of attempting settlements in individual mining districts. There are no groups of operators willing to hazard their competitive relationship with other producing sections by fixing a wage scale until they know what their competitors are going to pay. The country will be facing a serious shortage of coal within a few weeks and if the strike continues the railroads will be unable to transport enough to take care of industries and domestic consumers."

CHINESE STATES MAY UNITE IN FEDERATION

Would Model System After American Plan.

Peking.—The formation of a "United States of China," modeled after the American federation, and a national conference at Shanghai to discuss demobilization of superfluous troops and abolition of the Tuchun, or military governorship system are the two principal conditions on which Chen Chung-Ming, south China leader, will negotiate for the reunion of China, it has been announced.

SEEK WOMEN AS THIEVES.

Two Thought To Be Leaders in Silk Robberies.

Chicago.—Police are seeking two women as the ring leaders of a gang which specialized in silk robberies. Six members of the band are under arrest, charged with 22 robberies in which silks valued at \$100,000 were stolen.

France Is Alarmed.

Paris.—The French press continues to be absorbed by the Rathenau assassination, interpreting it in the general terms that Germany is an unceasing menace to France and to the peace of Europe, unwilling to acknowledge defeat or to pay her just dues to the victors.

Japan Takes Up Treaty.

Tokio.—The privy council has taken up consideration of the four-power Pacific treaty, signed at the Washington arms conference. Japan, it is understood, will not await ratification of other countries.

Omit Word "Obey."

London.—Three score years and ten is not too old to marry, but it is too old to obey. That is the sentiment of Thomas Williamson, 72, and Elizabeth King, 66, when they were married at Barton, and refused to have the word "obey" included in the service.

General Vienna Strike.

Paris.—A dispatch from Prague, Czechoslovakia, says a general strike of the workers on the railroads and the telegraph and telephone lines has begun in Vienna.

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UPHELD THE FAMILY DIGNITY

Little Ethel's Brave Attempt to Conceal What She Felt Must Be Matter of Poverty.

Little Ethel was an only child and one day, when the minister called she was told to entertain him in the parlor until her mother could see him.

A few minutes later the mother, on her way downstairs, heard the visitor ask Ethel how many brothers and sisters she had, and, to her surprise and consternation, the little miss answered, "Seven."

After the minister had left, the child was taken to task and asked why she had said there were seven children. Ethel replied:

"Because I didn't want that strange gentleman to know that you were so poor that you didn't have but one child."—Everybody's Magazine.

An Interruption.

"Has that fellow gone?" asked the editor of the Chiglersville Clarion, as he poked his head through the back door of his sanctum.

"Yes, sir," replied the office boy. "He hung around a while, knocked over a couple of paste pots and then left."

"It's a good thing I saw him coming in time to get out. I fear he meant violence. I'll not finish writing that editorial I was working on, declaring that what this country needs is a militant press with the courage of its convictions."

Locomotive's Good Record.

In a Wyoming coal mine there is an electrical mine locomotive that is still going strong after 27 years. It has hauled 3,712,500 tons of coal an average of 1.5 miles. Many a mule has gone to a quiet grave in that period; for mules may come and mules may go, but an electric locomotive goes all the time.

Not so many would tell how to run the government if the government didn't have so much to run.

The Old Carriage Maker Had an Important Truth

"To make each part as strong as the rest," was his way of "building a wonderful, one-horse chaise that wouldn't wear out till judgment day."

This illustrates a fact that is keeping many doctors busy these days—human bodies, like chaises, break down because some part isn't as strong as the others.

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WHY SOME MEN GO INSANE NOT WHOLLY LOVE MATCH

Kind of Office "Help" With Which Most of Us Are More or Less Familiar.

The Colorado building boasts the "dumbest" girl in all Washington, asserts the Post of that city. She's a nectarine, a pippin and a peach. Recently her boss, who is a very busy, bellowing sort of man, told her to get Agriculture on the telephone. She jumped for a phone directory.

Time wore on. Late afternoon came. The boss had been engrossed in matters of grave importance, and it was nearly 4:30 before he suddenly recalled that Annie hadn't reported on his morning phone call.

"Annie," he thundered, "where's my Agriculture call?"

"Why, I'm sorry, sir, but it hasn't got a phone."

"Who hasn't got a phone?"

"Why, Mr. Culture, sir. I looked through all the C's and all the K's, sir, and I couldn't find Mr. Agra Culture's name in either list, sir."

The Next Best Thing.

Little Willie came home from school the other day with a black eye.

"Willie, where did you get that black eye?" asked mother.

"Johnny Smith hit me," answered Willie.

"I hope you remember what your Sunday school teacher said about heaping coals on the head of your enemies?"

"Well, ma, I didn't have any coal, so I just stuck his head in the ash barrel."

Mrs. McIntosh Had Other Reasons Than Affection for Making Second Matrimonial Venture.

She was a comely widow, and, moreover, she was Scotch. She mourned MacIntosh, her late husband, for 18 months, and then from a flock of suitors chose, honest, homely MacIntyre for her second.

"I'm no guid enough for ye, dear," he whispered. "What for did ye choose me oot o' sae many?"

"Ah, well, we see, your name's MacIntyre."

"Yes, but—" began the bewildered suitor.

"An' ye ken," finished the widow, "all my linen is marked 'McI,' that's why, Donald."

We See the Point.

There seems to be a great opening for humorists in the states. George S. Chappell, who wrote that spoof South Sea Island epic, "The Cruise of the Kawa," seems on the strength of it to have sprung into prominence at once. He is now, of course, lecturing on what he forgot to put into the book, and appears before his audiences wearing a polo helmet which he states is "the original helmet worn by Marco Polo during the first chukka!" A reputation as a wag seems more easily gained over there than on this side of the pond—Passing Show, London.

If a man makes ten cents earn a quarter, people will begin bringing their dollars to him to invest.

